SOCIAL HINTS FROM THE ARBITER

Young Women Find Washington an Excellent City vives conceited except yourself argues an to take a decided step in advance so far didate on a platform that declares that as regards the creation of a proper forest the Presidency is not a perquisite of from an Educational Viewpoint.

questions of a social nature that may be submitted. Such questions should be addressed to The Arbiter, care The Washington Herald,

By THE ARBITER.

The Capital has gradually become a young woman is in society or not, and if popular seat for institutions of learning. they cannot be acknowledged invitations Every year several new schools are added should not be accepted. No city on the continent, surely, has its loss of grace and loveliness in advantages as an educational center. All quence. better ordered, more dignified, less ostentatious. The city itself is beautiful and the temptations and the rush and tumble, the haste and excitement of a great comaccess, furnish a great playground. This sounds very much like a paragraph from a school prospectus, but is written as an ington is peculiarly adapted for the eduof wealthy parents, who look forward to conspicuous element,

little towns and country districts, brought up under many different social conditions, at the various schools here. To these girls it has long been The Arbiter's intention to address himself and give some quette, a subject that is too often overlooked in the school curriculum, which may inspire them to look upon it less flippantly than does the average young person. Every girl studying in Washingback to her sisters at home who have not had her advantages all that she has learned that will help them to a higher standard in culture and respect for the American women may become as noted satins, the gorgeous mock jewels of their grace and elegance of manners day, so ill-fitting the beauty of a girl. as they are now for their beauty and charm. As though anticipating his intention, The Arbiter recently received the following letter:

Dear Sir: Will you not write a special article for the boarding school girls of Washington and win the gratitude of many of them, who have read what you have said with interest and profited by it? There are so many of us from different parts of the country and so differently brought up that, taken all in all, we form a queer lot. I am from Boston; my room mate is from Texas. My father was a reception can be given any time during scholar and a statesman; her father was a miner and still speaks a brogue, though he has become very rich. Nora can tame a broncho, shoot any kind of and still speaks a brogue, though he has become very rich. Nora can tame a brough, shoot any kind of frearm, and go anywhere by herself, while I have been very conservatively brought up by my Puritan parents and permitted but little liberty. Of course I was taught to ride and play golf and tenuis in a ladylike way, but I was never allowed to go about in a big town alone. My room mate wears the richest clothes and an abundance of iewelry, while my gowns are of the simplest description, and the only jewelry I possess are a few brooches, a little ring that belonged to my mether and the watch she wore when at school. Nora speaks a language I cannot understand, and once I heard her swear. I, naturally, talk Bostonese. Please don't think me a snob; for I love the girl I room with; she has a great big heart and many, many good qualities; but, really now, aren't we a funny couple to put the really now, aren't we a funny couple to put

A BOSTONIAN.

A certain Mrs. ----, who was educated in one of the large colleges, says that she had only been there a few months when the students were asked to meet in the chapel after dinner to listen to a talk by the lady principal. "You can never imagine 'my surprise," she exclaimed, in telling the story, "when I was told that the subject of the lecture was to be 'Good Manners,' and I was very indignant, too, for I thought good manners should be learned at home and not included in a callege curriculum. I was more indignated as to what I should wear to it, but finally decided on my tailor-made suit and a white lace waist. When I got there I found all sorts of different dresses. Some were in elaborate white dresses, with wreaths in their hair; others in evening dress, while many were dressed as I was. Of course, it was only for school boys and girls, but I would like to know exactly what would be expected. Thanking you very much for your kindness, I am, very truly.

A SCHOOL GIRL. had only been there a few months when college curriculum. I was more indignant-in fact, I felt insulted-when we simple silk would be a suitable frock for were told such things as not to drink our coffee with the spoon in the cup, not to spoon, not to play with the table utensils or roll our napkin rings across the table. to say 'please' and 'thank you' to the malds, not to rise before the teacher at the head of the table gave the signal, and a thousand other things I thought everylittle sin, or, better, breach of etiquette. ndignation was immediately cooled."

This story points the moral that no one for them, but for those who need them. Good breeding is the privilege of the few, though good manners can be acquired. It players. The only remedy for this nuihas been my misfortune, however, to acquired simply because they had no re- has become the unfortunate custom for high dudgeon. ell and the ill bred woman. Their atti- ous, to be late to every function tude toward their teachers and their bet- dinner. Not long ago a dinner at one of ter bred associates was, "I am just as the embassies was kept waiting a half good as you are, and a little better, de-hour for the arrival of a certain society spite my manners." These women had matron. When the guests were seated at that manners are the lesser morals of life, or that a lady is known only by her because you were so late. What happened manners and habits. Good manners give to keep you?" "I started out in my best so much happiness and comfort to those with whom we come in contact that they with whom we come in contact that they are worth acquiring at any cost. Now, and went back to change it." A woman Boston roommate, and others of her lik, thoroughly versed in its rules would have will put on the beautiful robe of humility, be on the outlook for advice, not resent it when given, and seek the society of ess that she was sick, or dead, or anyer superiors, she will become the graceful, cultivated woman that all girls in sion regarding the velvet gown one would their hearts should hope to be. The first duty of a schoolgirl is loyalty

to her alma mater. She should say nothing, do nothing, and try to think nothing to its discredit. A lady not long ago re-moved her daughter from a school because she said its pupils behaved so badly on the street. Their conduct may have been mere thoughtlessness, or it may have been lack of training, but whatever the cause, it cost the school one pupil directly, and indirectly many others. case is as follows: A stranger from out

Another criticism of the boarding-school had mentioned. invitations and fail to make their return calls. An old lady of the highest social position and an authority on etiquette, who is devoted to young girls and often entertains them, thinking to give a well-needed hint to a frequent guest remiss in this regard, said: "My dear why dear pupils in Washington is that they accept

NOTE-The Arbiter will be glad to answer any 7 you?" "Oh, I haven't time to make calls," was the reply. "Then, child," the grande dame could not refrain from say, ing, "how do you find time to accept in-vitations?" Every social obligation should strictly acknowledged, whether

to those already established, and it is needless to refer to its fine universities. No city on the continent swelly had its "Don't mind, that's only grandthat the school catalogues claim for it is mother!" exclaims a young woman to a true. Its society is superior to that of gentleman calling upon her, who rose other American towns in many ways; is quickly from his seat when a gray-headed old lady entered the room. "Only grand-mother!"-grandmother, who should be enthroned and worshiped as a queer Fortunately, such instances are not common, and they grow more and more less mercial center are lacking. Its literary so, for gradually we are going back to and scientific institutions offer many ad- the old standards of life in which revvantages, while its environs, so easy of erence and respect for the aged was a chief factor. Nothing is more admirable or more attractive than the delicate attentions from the young to the old, and if only for vanity's sake the boarding-school introduction to the assertion that Wash- girl should remember this, for one's heart warms toward the young woman who ancation of young women, especially those ticipates the wishes of an aged woman her feebleness.

here in such numbers as to make them a flamboyant and exigent. This girl will grotesque was this custom that it is the law are to be paid. onspicuous element.

Save the clerk as much trouble as posstrange it escaped being caricatured.

Save the clerk as much trouble as posstrange it escaped being caricatured. thousand young women, who come from with her importance by giving him all every State in the Union, from big and the trouble she can. "I love to have those dear girls come in here," said one of the fashionable milliners, of the girls of a certain school, "they are so gentle, so considerate, and their brightness and gayety illumine the whole place. There gayety illumine the whole place. is no trouble I would not take for them.' hints for their guidance in matters of eti- A little story set down here to show how

much these qualities are appreciated. "Dress has a moral effect upon the conduct of mankind," said Sir Jonah Barrington. It surely has "a moral effect upon the conduct" of schoolgirls, so the best schools insist on simple attire and no ton should be a missionary and carry jewelry, yet one meets with young women at schools here whose costumes would affected, to the starched muslins, gay ribbons, and modest jewelry, would be conventions of life, so that one day the greatest relief after the velvets and

Question-Will you kindly answer the following questions: What is meant by a morning reception! What is the proper dress to wear to such an affair! Is it correct to leave cards? What is a matine.

eith; she has a good qualities; pers, generally stated, in fact, that the present Min-couple to put ister from Greece is the first envoy from that country upward a la Emperor of Gern together? And I haven't told you half. She lolls in a chair when the teachers enter the room where she happens to be, rushes past them in the half, adopts the most familiar tone in speaking to them, has queer table manners—it's no use trying, I could have queer table manners—it's no use trying, I could provide the sign and symbol of a day when the sign and symbol of a day when

Answer-There was a minister accredited here from Greece in the latter part of the last century whose name fails me, but you could doubtless find it in an old diplomatic list in the library of the State De

drink our soup from the point of the formal for full evening dress, but much listen to the music, and let the stage From the Boston Transcript.

4. Question-Will you kindly give a roast to the people who enter the theater after the curtain is up? Answer-So many "roasts" have been body was born knowing. But the next given these inconsiderate people that it seems a waste of time to discuss the subject again. Americans have the reputathat we had been warned against was tion of being a business nation and knowcommitted by some of the girls, and my ing the value of time. They are, to be sure, the former, but if they have ever learned the latter they do not often disshould be offended at hints not intended play their knowledge, in society at least. meet women educated at the finest schools the curtain is up and keep those who are who lacked the culture they should have tardy waiting until the act is finished. It for the manners and courtesies those in society, with the exception of the which mark the difference between the diplomatic corps, who are most punctiliever learned what was said by Aristotle, table her escort, an intimate friend, said: "The Ambassadress was quite wrought up velvet gown," was the reply; "then I ref the little Texan who so shocks her knowing the traditions of society and remained home with her precious velvet gown and sent word to her patient hostthing else. If it were not for the confes miserable snobs" Thackeray mentions 'who come to dinner at 9, when they are asked at 8, in order to make a sensation in the company."

> 5. Question—Is it true that Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson said she had supposed that the women of Colorado and Wyoming were as cultivated as those of Australia and New Zealand? If she had supposed 50, what led her to change her mind?
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> A COLORADO WOMAN,
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> Who is proud of the women of her State.

Answer-It is a difficult matter to quote of town, noticing at the theater one evening a number of young ladies seated tothe women of Colorado and Wyoming girl's ear: "This is not an afternoon tea, The building is not finished yet—about gether, accompanied by two older women. Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson had no intention madam, but a great performance. Would half finished, we should say, from the pearance and quiet, dignified behavior. said, in effect, that while the exercise of versation?" He finally called an usher and asked who the franchise had been a success with they were. "Those, sir," replied the man, the women of Australia and New Zeaare young ladies from the Blank land, it had been a failure in Colorado The following day the principal and Wyoming, and she could not underof that school received a call from the stand why, as she felt sure that the person in question, with the result that women of those States were quite as culshe gained another pupil in his daughter. tured as the women of the countries she

"My dear, why do you Answer-Sydney Smith. But don't you South. never come to see me save when I invite think that to find all of your fellow-con- least has to be moderate-perforce.

7. Question—What is your opinion, Mr. Arbiter, egarding the wearing of natural flowers? It was a subject of conversation at a certain dinner the other night, with the opinion regarding it about evenly livided, half being for, half against it.

When Gov. Comer issued it extra session he inserted a computed the discussion and

near her, for flowers fade quickly from the warmth of a human body, and violets derived from forest preservation.

the warmth of a human body, and violets derived from forest preservation. once faded their perfume is gone forever. Years ago it was the fashion for women the portraits of the givers. The Arbiter wardens as well. remembers meeting Mrs. Horace Helyar, The governor, also under certain condiplaying a role in society when they are "finished." So obvious are its advantages that already this class has been attracted that already this class has been attracted on. One is modest and retiring, another of the boarding-school in weight, but they were borne by the admirers who followed in her train. So and penalties arising from violations of

8. Question-If you have any influence with Conof a band, but some one who will look to it that the piano at the White House is kept in good condition for those musicians who are compelled to use it. Katharine Goodson (Mrs. Hinton) is a wonderful planist, the foremost, in my poor opinion in the world and how shown the proposed commission will be called upon to solve. Denuded land, howapply and how shown the proposed commission will be called upon to solve. Denuded land, howapply to everybody alike whether it is orld, and how she got any music out of or approached doing herself justice on the instrument she used at the White House a week ago I am at a loss to understand. I have heard her play in Germany (by the way, you, perhaps, know that she has played before Emperor William, who is an accomplished musician himself, and was delighted with her) and Vienna, and I must say that, considering the cir-cumstances, she acquitted herself wonderfully well and actually played with great verve, but not half he people who heard her knew anything of her rep en at schools here whose costumes would be fit only for a dowager. A return to the simple lines that our grandmothers an unappreciative public to label the artists, who ave not been thoroughly advertised by some ecce

> spoken of it. No one would notice its in- the railways of the South tends to inadequacy, however, save a person thor- crease the value of Southern farms and tion, tain class in America are still suffering from a disease known as "tuft-hunting,"
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> If this is true, every individual in our pass, it was bought cheaply.
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> But the point of it is that it was bought when Queen Alexandra first took to wearing a black velvet band around her throat half the feminine necks in America were so adorned; when her royal lord hurt his knee, Fifth avenue was filled with limited by the fashion aven extended to reduce the royal lord hurt his knee, for the fashion aven extended to reduce the royal lord hurt his knee, for the fashion aven extended to reduce the royal latin as is necessary for the prevention of wrong and for insuring to every indifferent reasons and the fashion aven extended to reduce the reduce that will facilitate rail-lawmaker into office had to pay full rates to transport themselves, their goods, or their messages, and they had to pay enough to cover the cost of buying the goodwill of the lawmaker by providing free transportation for his person, his limpers and the fashion even extended to vidual equality of rights on the highour own boulevards; now callow youths and those not so callow wears corsets on their mustaches, that they may point such a reasonable margin over the costs never should come again. It they may a la Emperor of Germany But it was

unless you have written yourself—I fear you are but a dilletante. Come now, if your soul were filled with music would may be adjusted to the charges and service of common carriers will generally be adjusted. you notice the stage setting? Do you you notice the stage setting: Do you by amicable conferences between those suppose the "dear Muck"—that is what I interested instead of being made sub-Answer-A pretty muslin, challie, or a heard a lady call him the other dayis excused in a schoolgirl. Formerly such a function would be termed "dancing responding". Issues to the music, and let the stage alone. Seriously, the stage settings for the symphony are bad beyond compare, no service matters which would better be matter who is responsible. They are so kept secret, apparently unmindful that holders should rise in their might—and they are mighty this year, since every concert has been crowded-and demand

that they be changed. cales and chatter through the whole performance? It is incredible that the members of the so-called a lack of politeness would be impossible anywhere except the United States, At the White House that the little brown brother musicale, at which Mrs. Hinton played, she waited

May be a crother of William H To be late to the theater is an unpardonable sin to the audience, an insult to the players. The only remedy for this nuisance would be to lock the doors while the curtain is up and keep those who are the curtain in the curtain is up and keep those who are the curtain in the curtain is up and keep those who are the curtain in the

Answer-The Hinton episode was most regrettable, and that distinguished artiste will, The Arbiter fears, carry away a poor opinion of the musical education of Wash ngton society. But what can one expect from a miscellaneous gathering of society people, some of whom cannot distinguish one note from another, and whose interment of the White House, and the playng of a famous performer cannot compel he silence of an invited company, where, then, can it be expected? The President a thunderer on the rostrum, but he is mild and gracious in his own house. Yet one of his guests at the Hinton musicale was heard to say: "I expect every moto compare Washington or any other American city with Berlin, but it is hoped that the future will improve conditions. Apropos of the lack of appreciation of music in this country, The Arbiter happened to be present at a performance of at the Metropolitan Opera Lohengrin" House. In front of him sat two young overs, who were evidently much bored Finally when the curtain went up after an intermission, the lights lowered, and the music began, the girl snuggled up to the man, saying: "Isn't this nice? Now we can talk." you be so kind as to postpone your con-

Virtue Rewarded.

From the New York Tribune. We congratulate South Carolina as one of the few Southern States that have not ost their heads and got into a brawl with the railroads. The action Southern Railway in reducing fares is

Compulsory Moderation.

From the Richmond News Leader. The Atlanta Constitution calls FORESTRY IN ALABAMA.

Provision Made for Conservation of State's Resources. From Forestry and Irrigation Magazine.

That the people of Alabama are ready policy, is shown by the provisions of a New York. bill which was enacted by the legislature

When Gov. Comer issued his call for an that. Indeed, there is not much merit extra session he inserted a clause which in the locality argument, anyhow, un-Answer-An essay could be written on permitted the discussion and enactment of less a State gets the notion, as Ohio the subject you present, but there is no measures designed to protect the rapidly has had it for several terms, that the space in this column for homilies. The disappearing forest resources of the State. Presidency, while it is not a per-Arbiter has radical views as to the cus- A committee was appointed to study the quisite of New York, really does belong tom which has been so much abused, and subject and to suggest the provisions for to Ohio. There is so much of that he would say emphatically to all those the proposed bill. This committee re- spirit in Ohio, and it manifests itself who deck themselves out with natural quested the assistance of the Forest Serv- so continuously that it has got on the blooms "Don't." It would be hard to ice, and as a result of their deliberations nerves of the rest of the country, and point out in a woman's toilet anything a bill was put through which provides for uglier than a big excresence of fadded viothe appointment of a nonpartisan Statt year. Michigan has never furnished a at her waistline or just above it, commission of forestry, which shall over- Republican candidate for President, nor which destroys the lines of the figure and see all forest matters of the State and has Illinois, since Grant; nor has Misoffends the nostrils of those who come take all possible measures to promote a souri, nor Iowa, nor Minnesota. And

Provision is made for the future creation | than once. to carry to the balls and cotillions as of State forest reserves. Forest plantations, under certain conditions, are to be date who has at least an equal chance fairs—as were sent them on or near the exempted from taxation for a period of with Gov. Hughes, who, it is claimed date of the entertainment, which repreten years. A fairly complete fire law is by his supporters, has an equal chance sented the scalps of their adorers. It would have been simpler, less laborious, and fish wardens, and other State and that, it is unnecessary to say, is Mr. more picturesque, and much more interesting if they had strung about them county officials, are declared forest La Follette,

now Lady Seville, at a reception at the tions, has the power to appoint forest could not, of course, carry them all her- made for carrying out the provisions

There are, in addition, several other provisions of less general interest. It is especially to be regretted that congress, will you not persuade that august body to appoint a state musician? I do not mean the leader of a band, but some one who will look to it that ever, which is properly cared for during a period of ten years will be exempted rom taxation.

RAILWAYS IN THE SOUTH.

Better Understanding Imminent Between Corporations and Public.

President Finley, of the Southern Railway, in Manufacturers' Record. I express the opinion not only of myticity, in some such way as this: "Played before the German Emperor, the Czar of Russia, the Emperor of Austria-Hungary," and so on down the list? lines of business, when I declare that, Answer: You are quite right. When a important to the people of the Southern great artist plays, no matter where, a States as a whole to have increased and work is attested by the fact that a num- I say that every increase or improve-

from a disease known as "tuft-hunting," which not only includes the hunt of the "tuft," but a raptuous acceptance of ed in the adoption by the Southern States everything stamped with royal favor.

The railways of the state of the rest of the people. The voters who put the pass-accepting lawmaker into office had to pay full rates. of operation as will enable them to make the sign and symbol of a day when the e. Question—I want to ask you a question which perhaps is not in your realm, but I don't know how to get it answered in any other part of the paper, so am troubling you about it. Why does the Boston Symphony Orchestra, which has been coming here for years, submit to playing surrounded by such abominable stage settings as they get at the National? It is surely anything but inspiring, even though most of the men in the orchestra are German. It takes a great deal of pleasure out of the standing of the situation. I believe that tional capital required to provide the man. It takes a great deal of pleasure out of the performance, even for a music lover. Will you not say something about this? Very truly yours, about and that we are on the eve of an A FAITHFUL READER, about and that we are on the eve of an archive truly yours, about and that we are on the eve of an archive truly yours, about and that we are on the eve of an archive truly yours, about and that we are on the eve of an archive truly yours, about and that we are on the eve of an archive truly yours, about the performance of the situation. I believe that with me in this attitude, I am convinced from the persistent calumny and missing truly truly yours, and the performance of the situation. Dear "Faithfud Reader"—How good that the railways of the Southern people and just the same, I maintain that it is well the railways of the South will co-operate to be fair—indeed it is the better course ounds to a scribe, you will never know harmoniously for Southern acvancement, mon carriers will generally be adjusted jects of political agitation.

The Civil and the Military,

igly and so meaningless that the ticket the incidental revelations may benefit cers expressing dissent from policies in the formation of which they are not entitled to have a voice. At a recent meeting and banquet in Washington of a society composed of officers who had served in the Philippines, the company

the artist would have left his piano and the house in is hardly equal to comprehending such high dudgeon. hending the exemplary punishment of assumed since 1890 have received the sancthe offenders.

Opera and concerts in Dresden are is a fact, nevertheless, established beyond within the reach of all. The most ex- successful dispute. pensive seats in the house cost about \$2, est in music is mere affectation? If the and there are others from which one can presence of the President, the environ- hear perfectly, but not see the stage, which cost about 15 cents. The English and American residents, students, &c., The acoustics are perfect, and very many people consider seats here the more de-The opera season begins about ment to see the President rise in his wrath and demand silence." It is useless out the year, with a holiday of six the 10th of September and lasts throughweeks in summer, and presents the most dience and we fixed it so that Littlehale artistic performance in all Germany. Besides the frequent performance of tress in the wings, and a tub so as to opera, two series of symphony concerts should drop a big rock in a tub so as to make a splash. The leap worked maghouse. It is often difficult to secure tickets for these concerts, but the rehearsals are public and the price of the mattress and the tub. When Little seats small.

> Denver's New Auditorium, From the Hartford Courant.

The Denver Auditorium is the name of But The Arbiter was wick- the building in which the Democratic nalooks of the (sketch; that is to say, it is when she said that Mrs. Nextdoor was still a part of the growing West. When finished, the structure will be 260 feet long, 168 feet wide, and 93 feet high. Its didn't want to express her real opinion From the Chicago Tribune. exterior appearance will be stately and of her. The normal seating capacity impressive. The normal seating capacity of this building will be 9,000, but by utilizing the alsie spaces it is reckoned that the pen is said to be mightier than the 11,500 people can be crowded into it. The sword? will be \$425,000, and Denver has raised the money by a special sale of city cause a man couldn't sign checks with bonds. Denver drew the convention prize a sword, this year by a long shot; but whether she can do as well in later years remains to be seen. At any rate, she is seriously "Sanity, Justice, and Moderation" in the preparing to make good on the Demo- don't want you to become left-handed. Well, in one thing Georgia at cratic Presidential convention of next

LA FOLLETTE IN THE RACE.

One of Three First Choices, From the Detroit Free Press.

And now Mr. William Taft is a can-

There is not much of an argument in favor of Taft, or against Hughes, in

The Senator is going to be one of the leading three candidates, in spite of the claims of the few irreconcilables in the ticipates the wishes of an aged woman home of the then Secretary of State with wardens, and provision is made for their without making the latter conscious of no less than eight great bouquets. She remuneration. A small appropriation is selves-that he has no chance at all.

PASSING OF THE PASS.

Era of Equality of Rates and Service in Minnesota. From the Duluth Herald.

"From and after January 1, 1908," so says the law, there shall be no more apply to everybody alike, whether it is up in price until we can hardly buy in the transportation of men, goods, or messages. It applies to telegraph, telephone, street railroad, and express company as well as to railroad. The evident bject of the law is to put all patrons of the great public service corporations upon

the same footing. This is as it should be. The special privilege, whether it was extended by a railroad, an express company, a telegraph self, but of many of the most intelligent or telephone company, or a street railand thoughtful men of the South in all road, was always corrupt and a means of corruption. The lawmaker who accepted to keep the children going, you were a under present conditions, it is much more free privileges from the public service corporation perhaps did not realize that he was accepting a bribe, but for what piano should be provided to his or her improved railway facilities than to have other purpose was the "courtesy" exliking. The White House plane is doubt- any possible reduction in either freight tended? It was not because the lawless an excellent instrument, but that it or passenger charges. I also express the maker was better looking than other be awful to have to sit in utter darkwas not exactly fitted for Mrs. Hinton's views of many men in our section when people, or because he was a better fellow than the common run, or because he was home. And, if you was a dynamo, Job, ber of accomplished musicians have ment in the transportation facilities of especially deserving. It was because, in his official capacity, he had to deal with matters of deep interest to the corpora-tion, and the corporation, therefore, oughly versed in technique. Your wit is of every industrial enterprise in our secenjoyable; it is true, however, that a certion.

wished to acquire his friendship and good will. If it could be bought with a free

to be fair-indeed, it is the better coursewith Utah as with other States.

Under pressure from within as well as from without, the Mormon Church, in the those year 1890, adopted a church manifesto requiring a cessation of polygamy, or the marrying of plural wives, which it had been practicing in this nation against the national sentiment. In 1896, Utah was admitted to Statehood, one condition heing that polygamous or plural marriages should be forever prohibited. This condition was complied with in the State constitution, which applies a penalty of five years' imprisonment and \$500 fine for each case of polygamy.

In the recent investigation by the United States Senate, in what is known as the Reed Smoot case, it was proved conclusively that since the manifesto of 1890 sang a song, the burden of which is there had not been celebrated in Utahor elsewhere throughout the United States, for that malter-a solitary polyg-amous marriage by or with the consent, connivance, countenance, sanction, proval of the Mormon Church. The Ser ate inquiry established polygamous marriages in Utah became a thing of the past more than sixteen years ago, and that no polygamous relations tion of the church. A certain class of preachers and politicians seem to regret. the fact, as it removes a notable excuse for assailing the Mormon Church; but it

From the San Francisco Chronicle.' When Eugene Cowles was a boy in Chi cago he used to act in amateur theatrifrequent the fourth gallery, says Laura cals, and he tells a good story of one of Lindsay Carter, in the Travel Magazine. his young friends who appeared with him. "His name was Littlehale," says Cowles. "and in one of our shows he had to plunge into a river, pursued by a wild beast. The river was invisible to the aushould leap, disappear, and strike a mat Besides the frequent performance of tress in the wings, while a stage hand are given during the winter in the opera make a splash. The leap worked magnouse. It is often difficult to secure nificently in rehearsal, but the night of en floor beneath and the crash was such a tremendous one that the audience, no knowing the circumstances, began

laugh. Lattlehale was equal to the situation. 'Heavens,' he shouted from belo the stage, 'the water's frozen!' Out of the Mouths of Babes. Little Fred-What did mamma mean

1.4ttlehale was equal to the situa-

"quaint?" Little Myra-I guess she meant she

Small Sylvia-Did you ask papa why Little Gregory-Yes; he said it was be

Anxious Mother-Bobby, you must remember to use your right hand more. pitchers in the league are southpaws.

Wisconsin Paper Thinks He'll Be MARIA'S MIDNIGHT LECTURES

LECTURE NO. 22.

thought. Here it is, midnight again before you get home. And you telling me all about the water-wagon and the nice, long ride you were going to take. So far as I'm concerned, Job, you can get on some vehicle that travels a little faster. The way you leave us all alone at nights is simply awful, Job! Do you smell smoke? We came near being all burned up this night; preclous little you'd have cared, I suppose. Little Haley got a box of matches somewhere, and he set fire to the parlor curtains, and I had to throw the jar of goldfish-fish and all-to put it out, One of the fish wriggled its way down the register, and I couldn't get the poor thing out. Emily ran with one of them to the kitchen to put it in water, but she dropped it on the stairs, and I step ped on it, and it was so slippery I fell all the way down to the bottom, and, oh, lors, how my back hurts! I wish you'd get some of that hartshorn liniment, Job, and rub my back-I should think that was little enough to do, after all your shameful neglect.

"Tell me all about the news, Job, while you're rubbing. Not so hard, please, and a little higher up! I see that Mr. Hitchcock says that he's going to let the post-office employes have longer holidays and more pay. I wish something like that'd happen in your department-not the holidays, I mean; for heaven knows you have too much time to loaf now-but the pay; it's just simply dreadful the way we have to struggle to make both ends meet. And as if to make matters worse. I see now that some scientific man says that eggs are taking to shrinking. First they go 'em at all, and now they shrink in size. I guess pretty soon we'll have to take to living on breakfast foods

"I see where another scientist says that before long every man can learn to be his own electric dynamo. I don't know just how it's to be done, but I wish you'd hurry up and learn. A man might be of some real use about the house under those conditions. Just think, Job, if, instead of being a useless sort of a clerk, earning hardly enough nice dynamo! We could light the whole house from you then, Job, and save all the money we have to pay out to the gas company. I wonder, though, if you could leave the power behind you. It'd ness, waiting till you chose to come we could run the sewing machine with you and do electric cooking, and I could take electric massage from you, and-oh, it's too good to be true; no mere husband could ever be as as useful as all that!

"Now that the school hoard row seems to be about over I see that they're going to buy a lot of busts to put in the schools, but what for I can't understand! I don't see how children are going to learn reading, writing, and arithmetic from busts, do you? And, even if the head of Bismarck or Garibaldi does look down on the children at their lessons, I can't see how that's going to help much. Most of the children won't understand it at all, and

on rubbing; it's so comforting. Aren't women fools, Job? Here's two women in Pittsburg been and fought a duel. and all because of love for a man-as if there was ever a man worth fighting for! And this is leap year, too; they'd much better have both proposed to him, and then the one that won might have reckoned that she'd lost the duel. Did you notice how, down in Tennessee, there was a man named Luck-goes to show you how little there is in a name he had four children-what do they call 'em; I forget; but you understand -triplets and-then another one-a quartet, I guess! Luck, indeed! How are they going to support 'em, I wonder,

"Speaking about luck, aren't women getting to be just awful, these days? I hear there's a lot of 'em insist on smoking right out in public in them New York eating houses, and here's Maude Gonne-her they called the Irish Joan of Arc-she was going to lead the benighted Irish out of the wilderness-and now she's proving she can't lead her own husband, and is suing for a divorce. And there was another woman I read about this week, who lived in Nebraska, and she got tired of her husband and murdered him; but somehow they couldn't convict her, and so she collected the insurance on his life, and has gone off with another man. There's economy for you! and they say women are bad financiers.

"Talking about finance, though, I see that Comptroller Ridgely says that panics are inevitable; that we have to have 'em every so often, just the same as a man catching cold. If that's so, I don't see how they can blame this last one on the Democrats, do you? "Do you remember I told you the

other day about the Emperor of Germany having sixteen Christmas treesor was it sixty-any way I know I wondered how he could afford it and now I see he's trying to borrow seventyfive million dollars-wants to pay up his-Christmas debts, I reckon, I thought it would come to that. Ain't it funny the way these potentates and big men talk carelessly about money? There's Mr Hobson, he wants us to spend \$200,000 or \$200,000,000 on the fleet, and Mr. Harlan, who's been talking about the yellow peril again, wants us to spend \$50 .-000,000 a year for the same thing, and all because they found a couple of Japs watching our submarine fleet at Narragansett Bay. I think it's lucky our ships have got as far as Rio de Janeiro. though I don't even know where that is -I reckon the war ain't going to start for some time yet, no matter what Mr. Hobson says.

"I do hope, Job, that you haven't been reading the papers about that Mary Garden kiss that all New York's so stirred up about. They tell me that

"Hush, Job! Stand right still. Listen! when she kisses a man in the opera to Nine, ten, eleven, twelve! Just as I takes all of twenty minutes to do it, though how she can linger over it so I don't know. Never took you more'n two seconds to kiss me, not even when we was courting; you just used to peck at me, like a chicken picking up corn-I wonder if I've been missing anything serious all these years I've been married to you! I reckon there must be something in marriage that I-or maybe it's you, Job-don't know much about. I know that if I wasn't married now I wouldn't want to be, and lots of people I hear about are just crazy over it; why here's that man Marvin, whose boy was lost so long, been and married his mother-in-law. It's a queer world, Job!

"Thank heaven, though, there's one great relief in sight-the tariff on champagne is to be reduced 20 per cent. That ought to be a great consolation to us poor housekeepers, and although I notice that Senator Beverldge is going to make a speech on the tariff question, I can't see just what they've left him say. Not that that matters much. I dare say

"Did you see, Job, that Philadelphia has started a wave of reform? They're going to investigate the various brands of tomato sauce that are sold in the city. That's a beginning any way, isn't it, though I should think they'd be a little shy about dallying with tomato sauce-I never could abide the stuff since I read about the note about "Chops and tomato sauce" that Mr. Pickwick sent to Mrs. Bardell. There's likely to be another scandal in I .iladelphia I should think, any time now Do you think it's really true that Jack London is lost? If it is I wonder what the magazines will do for stories of tramp life!

"What about politics, Job? What's that, are you falling asleep? Do wake up, Job; look at you, spilling the liniment all over the counterpane. Do you think it's true that Senator Foraker has got Taft on the run in Ohio? If so, I'd like to be there to see it. I can't imagine Mr. Taft running, not even on that thousand-dollar horse he's just bought. I see these nickel theaters are buying all the pictures of Taft they can get hold of-I wonder if that's a Foraker move to make Mr. Taft unpopular? And did you see about Mr. Cannon? His friends say that there isn't a chance for his candidacy unless he stops swearing. I wonder if it's a habit with him, like his smoking, and he can't stop? As for the other candidates, you don't hear of them since the President scolded Mr. Cortelyou. There's the Knox boom and the Bonaparte boom. Why, put them all together, and they wouldn't make anything so very enthusiastic. I wish Belva Lockwood was alive. I believe this'ud be a good year for a woman candidate

'Speaking about women, did you see the question that The Washington Herald started-it's almost as fascinating as 'How old is Ann?' The question is, Did you ever see a red-headed old maid? I never did; did you, Job-nor I never saw a dead donkey either, but I suppose there must be such things,

"Isn't it curlous how people will reflect on Mr. Fairbanks? You heard all about Mr. Tarkington and his fight with an, and now it is de the fight occurred over nothing but buttermilk. I never thought there was anything in the favorite drink of the Vice

President to make a man pugnacious. "And so Miss Laura Jean Libbey has gone to England to sell some of her melodramas! Don't you just love her books? I do, Job. The first I got I won as a prize at a quilting bee. It was called 'Florence, the Factory Flower,' and I remember I got so absorbed in it that I let a whole pan of biscuit burn one evening. They tell me she's written over 300 novels. When I get real rich I'm going to buy a complete addition. I'd like little Emily to read 'em, too. Talking about literature, I see that some of the papers are laughing at the President for getting angry and accusing other people of being out of temper. Just for fun I read that nice letter he sent Admiral Brownson, and so far from being ill-tempered I found it full of words like 'love,' 'affection,' 'admiration,' 'peace,' 'good will,' 'happiness,' 'joy,' 'mildness,' 'sweetness,' and 'light,' and things like that. Why, it's absurd to say that Mr. Roosevelt ever loses his temper. I know who's responsible for it; it's that Mr. Loeb!

'Say, Job, you know I told you about that prophet who said that this was to be the last year of the world, and that we were all going to be destroyed. I'll bet there's something in it, for did you notice that next year begins on Friday! Isn't that terrible! Anything's liable to

"Yes. Job. that'll do: my back's ever so much better. What? Going to sleep. Oh, wait a minute. I wanted to ask you what difference it was going to make in the poor-food law because that judge up in Michigan has decided that legally that sausage is sausage-if that's the law, what was the good of that book "The Jungle?" Any way, I never did care much for sausage, any way. And, say. Job. I wanted to ask you about the Thaw trial. Do you think he's got a better chance this time because all of the jurors are married men? I guess they'll have more sympathy for him than bachelors, don't you. I'm awful anxious to begin reading the testimony, ain't you?

"Oh, well, then, turn over and go to sleep if you want to, lazibones! I never did see such a man for sleeping, but anyhow I want you to understand that with this lame back I hope you don't expect me to get up and get your breakfast for you in the morning. You sleep, if you want to, but you get up when the alarm clock goes off, and you dress Haley and Little Emily and cook the oatmeal and get the children washed for Sunday school, and, maybe, by that time I'll be feeling better, and you can bring me up a bite to eat. You haven't brought me breakfast to bed since our honeymoon in Chillicothe. Good night, dear-I think I'd like some ham and eggs in the morning.'

"Manima," asked Tommy, "what year were you and papa married?" "In the year 1896, dear," answered Mrs.

Hunker. "Was that a leap year?" "I believe it was."

"Why, mamma, did you have to-"No, I didn't, you insolent little rascal!" I interrupted his indignant mother. "And ing of it!"

Professional Ethics. From the Philadelphia Public Ledger

"You'll have to send for another doctor," said the one who had been called, after a glance at the patient. "Am I so sick as that?" gasped the

sufferer.

"I don't know just how sick you are." replied the man of medicine, "but I know you are the lawyer who cross-examined me when I appeared as an expert witness. My conscience won't let me kill Bobby-Why, mamma, some of the best I've a great mind to spank you for think- you, and I'll be hanged if I want to cure you, Good day."